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65. The method of claim 52, wherein said product nucleic acid molecule and said vector are combined in the presence of at least one recombination protein.

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66. The method of claim 65, wherein said recombination protein is Cre.

67. The method of claim 65, wherein said recombination protein is selected from the group consisting of Int, Xis and IHF. --

### Remarks

The foregoing amendments to the specification have been made solely to update the priority information for the present application and to delete text at page 2. These amendments to the specification thus add no new matter. Support for the foregoing amendments to the claims may be found throughout the specification. Specifically, support for new claims 52-67 may be found, *inter alia*, at pages 6-7, 11-13, 20-24, 27-38, 46-47, and throughout the Examples, particularly at pages 51-53 and 71-76. Accordingly, the present amendments do not add new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 and 52-67 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 52 being the independent claims.

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It is believed that this application is now in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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